

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

Claim 1 (previously canceled).

2 (previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein Q denotes methyl, ethyl, phenyl, biphenyl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub> or C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, wherein R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are equal or different and, independently of each other, stand for F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, monohydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, polyhydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, mono-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio, hydroxy, NR<sup>d</sup>R<sup>e</sup>, CHO, COR<sup>f</sup>, COOH, COOR<sup>g</sup>, CONHR<sup>h</sup> or NHCOR<sup>i</sup>, wherein R<sup>d</sup> and R<sup>e</sup>, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a monohydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a polyhydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group or an optionally substituted aromatic carbon ring, and R<sup>f</sup>, R<sup>g</sup>, R<sup>h</sup> and R<sup>i</sup>, independently of each other, denote a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group or an optionally substituted aromatic carbon ring.

3 (previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein X denotes oxygen or NR<sup>a</sup>, with R<sup>a</sup> denoting hydrogen, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a mono-hydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a polyhydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group or a mono-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group;

R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>2</sub> = hydrogen; Q stands for methyl, ethyl, phenyl, biphenyl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub> or C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, wherein R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are equal or different and,

independently of each other, stand for F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, monohydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, polyhydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, mono-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio, hydroxy, NR<sup>d</sup>R<sup>e</sup>, CHO, COR<sup>f</sup>, COOH, COOR<sup>g</sup>, CONHR<sup>h</sup> or NHCOR<sup>i</sup>, wherein R<sup>d</sup> and R<sup>e</sup>, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a monohydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a polyhydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group or an optionally substituted aromatic carbon ring, and R<sup>f</sup>, R<sup>g</sup>, R<sup>h</sup> and R<sup>i</sup>, independently of each other, denote a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group or an optionally substituted aromatic carbon ring.

4(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein said at least one derivative of general formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of 4-amino-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-N,N-dimethylamino-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-methoxy-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-ethoxy-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-phenoxy-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-(4'-nitro-phenoxy)-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-(2',4',6'-trimethylphenoxy)-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 7-nitro-4-(N-phenylamino)-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(1-naphthalenyl)amino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-chlorophenyl)amino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-fluorophenyl)amino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 7-nitro-4-[N-(4'-nitrophenyl)amino]-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 7-nitro-4-[N-(3'-nitro-phenyl)-amino]-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(2',4'-dinitrophenyl)amino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]benzonitrile; 4-[N-(4'-methylphenyl)amino]-7-nitro-

2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(2'-methyl-phenyl)amino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-methoxyphenyl)amino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]phenol; 4-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]-3-chloro-5-nitrophenol; 3-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]phenol; 2-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-amino]phenol; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N,N-dimethyl-N'-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-(1'-hydroxyethyl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-methoxymethyl-1,4-diaminobenzene; N,N-di-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-N'-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-nitro-1,4-diaminobenzene; methyl 4-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]-benzoate; 4-nitro-7-(phenylthio)-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(4'-chlorophenyl)thio]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(3'-chlorophenyl)thiol-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(4'-bromo-phenyl)thiol-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(4'-methylphenyl)thio]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(3'-methoxyphenyl)-thio]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-[(4'-nitro-phenyl)thiol-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 2-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)thio]-benzoic acid; 5,7-dinitro-N-phenyl-4-amino-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-[1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl]amino]-5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-chloro-phenyl)amino]-5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-bromophenyl)-amino]-5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(3'-bromophenyl)amino]-5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 5,7-dinitro-4-[N-(4'-nitrophenyl)-amino]-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 5,7-dinitro-4-[N-(3'-nitro-phenyl)amino]-2,1,3-

benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-amino]-5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-methylphenyl)amino]-5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; N'-(5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,4-diaminobenzene; 3-[(5,7-dinitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]phenol; 4-(N-methyl-N-phenylamino)-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-(N-ethyl-N-phenylamino)-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole and 4-[N-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-N-[4-di-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-2-nitrophenylamino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole.

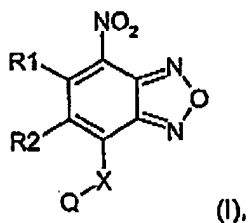
5(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein said at least one derivative of general formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of 4-nitro-7-methoxy-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-ethoxy-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-nitro-7-phenoxy-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 7-nitro-4-(N-phenylamino)-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-methylphenyl)aminol-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[N-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-amino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole; 4-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-amino]phenol; 3-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-amino]phenol; 2-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]phenol; 4-[(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)amino]-3-chloro-5-nitrophenol; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-(1'-hydroxyethyl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-(methoxymethyl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N,N-dimethyl-N'-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-1,4-diaminobenzene; N,N-di-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-N'-(7-nitro-

2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-nitro-1,4-diaminobenzene and 4-[N-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-N-[4-di-(2'-hydroxy-ethyl)-2-nitrophenylamino]-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole.

6(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, and containing said at least one 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole derivative of general formula (I) in an amount from 0.01 to 10 wt. %.

Claim 7(previously canceled).

8(currently amended). Cosmetic preparation for dyeing keratin fibers, said cosmetic preparation containing ~~characterized in that it contains~~ at least one 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole derivative of general formula (I)



wherein

X denotes oxygen, sulfur or NR<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>a</sup> standing for hydrogen, a(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a monohydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a polyhydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group or a mono-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group,

R1 and R2 can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a halogen atom, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a halogen-substituted (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy group, a nitro group or an NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup> group, the R<sup>b</sup> and

R<sup>c</sup> groups being equal or different and independent of each other, denoting hydrogen, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic carbon ring or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkane carbonyl group, or R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> together with a the nitrogen atom forming a heterocyclic (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) group; and

Q denotes hydrogen, an aliphatic group, an aromatic isocyclic group or an aromatic heterocyclic group;

with the proviso that, if R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and Q each denote hydrogen, then X is not oxygen.

9(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, further comprising at least one direct dye compound selected from the group consisting of anionic dyes, cationic dyes, nitro dyes, azo dyes, anthraquinone dyes, triphenylmethane dyes and disperse dyes.

10(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to claim 8 or 9, in the form of a shade fixative or color fixative and further comprising at least one natural or synthetic polymer or at least one modified polymer of natural origin.

11(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to one of claims 8 to 10, further comprising an oxidation dye precursor.

12(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to one of claims 8 to 11, further comprising an oxidant mixed with said at least one 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole derivative.

13(previously presented). Cosmetic preparation according to one of claims 8 to 12, consisting of a hair colorant composition.